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SUBJECT: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AND BUDGET  
AMENDMENTS FOR FY 1975

FOR SECRETARY FROM SISCO

1. I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED THE WORK ON THE LARGE-SIZE PACKAGE WHICH EMBRACES THE REVISED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY '75. KEN RUSH WILL BE SIGNING TONIGHT THE MEMO TO ASH AND THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED REPRESENTS THE CONSENSUS WHICH I WORKED OUT DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK WITH ALL OF THE CONSTITUENCIES THAT ARE INVOLVED INCLUDING THE NSC. YOU, OF COURSE, WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS ENTIRE PACKAGE UPON YOUR RETURN.

2. IN SHORT, IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF THE NEW MIDDLE EASTERN PACKAGE AND VIETNAM WE ARE PROPOSING THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BE INCREASED BY 60 MILLION TO A TOTAL 985 MILLION; SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BE INCREASED BY 327.5 MILLION TO A TOTAL OF 390.5 MILLION; AND THAT THE AUTHORIZATION AND PROGRAM CEILING FOR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS EACH BE  
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INCREASED BY 330 MILLION TO TOTALS OF 645 MILLION AND 872.5 MILLION RESPECTIVELY; AND THAT A NEW AUTHORIZATION

OF 100 MILLION BE PROVIDED TO ESTABLISH A MIDDLE EAST

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND.

3. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THE FOLLOWING MIX: ISRAEL - 300 MILLION IN FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS AND 50 MILLION UNDER SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE; JORDAN - 60 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR A TOTAL OF 100 MILLION, AND 30 MILLION IN FMS CREDITS AND 22.5 MILLION SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE ADDED TO THE 25 MILLION WE INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR A TOTAL OF 77.5 MILLION; EGYPT - 20 MILLION IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR SUEZ CANAL CLEARANCE AND RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, 150 MILLION IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE AS US CONTRIBUTION; PROPOSED TO BE MADE THROUGH THE IBRD, FOR REHABILITATION PROJECTS, AND 80 MILLION IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR COMMODITY IMPORTS. FINALLY, WE ARE PROPOSING THAT 100 MILLION SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND BE CREATED TO COVER EXPECTED ADDITIONAL MIDDLE EASTERN NEEDS WHICH WOULD ARISE FROM A SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AND POSSIBLY A JORDANIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT.

4. FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA WE ARE PROPOSING 939.8 MILLION OF WHICH 750 MILLION IS FOR POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM, FIGURE 100 MILLION BELOW WHAT AMBASSADOR MARTIN IS RECOMMENDING.

5. AS A RESULT OF THE INTENSIVE EFFORT MADE THIS WEEK, WE NOW HAVE THE OPTION TO GO FORWARD ON THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BEFORE THE RECESS IF WE DESIRE. THE ADVANTAGE OF GOING AHEAD BEFORE THE RECESS IS THAT THIS WOULD HELP AVERT UNDUE DELAY; THE DISADVANTAGE IS PRESENTING IT ON THE HILL ON THE EVE OF THE RECESS WOULD PUT A NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN A POSITION OF NOT HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY IT FULLY AND NOT BEING ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS DURING THE PERIOD THEY ARE AT HOME. WE WILL REVIEW THE QUESTION OF TIMING AS WELL AS THE PACKAGE WITH YOU AFTER YOUR RETURN. RUSH

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